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FAIRCHILD'S POLICY

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goes to Governor Frear with the united recommendation of the land commission.

Mr. Fairchild has referred to suspicion," said Carter in the course of expressing his hesitancy over the relinquishment of the water rights even for a short period. "Unfortunately there is suspicion. I wish to state candidly as my belief that the plantations have absolutely no use for the homesteader and Mr. Fairchild is not in a class by himself."

Carter then asserted that the "interest" would probably continue until the Fairchild land resolution was disposed of by Congress.

"I don't think there is much good faith in it all," concluded the chairman of the land commission.

Replying to Chairman Carter Mr. Kinney stated that he supposed plantations had the frailties of other human organizations and followed where pockets led.

"In the homesteading question," asserted Kinney, "their pockets will lead them to aid the homesteader. No great questions will arise in an eighteen month period. We will not dictate to Fairchild. Let us keep our finger out of the details and the claim cannot then be made that the Government has interfered. He has named the investments on the land and we have said that in consideration we will rent him seven hundred and fifty acres of land for one dollar. Let us now see what he can do."

A lease to accord with the Commission's view will be drawn up and if no objections are raised by Governor Frear the homesteading of the Kapaa land is apparently settled.

The report of the committee embodying the whole plan is as follows: To the Land Board:

Your committee, to whom was referred the application of George H. Fairchild for a lease of a portion of the land of Kapaa, a copy of which application is attached hereto, beg leave to report as follows:

Your committee visited in person the lands of Kapaa in company with Mr. Fairchild, spending a day the recently and from our inspection, conversations with Mr. Fairchild and his application, we have come to the conclusion to recommend that the board approve a lease to Mr. Fairchild for one crop of plant cane to be planted next year of the 750 acres of cane land comprising fields described in said application, and that said lease be given at a rental of one dollar a year.

Mr. Fairchild, without suggestion from the Land Board or as far as we know from the Land Office, has voluntarily offered to make certain improvements on the land of Kapaa still held by the government that are worth unquestionably far more to the government than any rental the

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Mr. Fairchild has asked for a lease covering one crop of plant and one crop of ratoons. We recommend that his application so far as a crop of ratoons be refused. The reasons for the above recommendations are as follows:

Heretofore the cane lands of Kapaa, including the portion Mr. Fairchild now wants to lease, has been held open for homesteading purposes. This fact has been duly advertised and no one has appeared in response to the advertisement. At the same time the government lands of Anahola and Kamalomaloe, near to the Kapaa lands and within the confines of the Makee Sugar Company, represented by Mr. Fairchild, have until recently been lying idle, also waiting for homestead applications. This board consented recently to a lease of the Anahola and Kamalomaloe lands in question, no one having applied to homestead the same, but decided at the same time to hold the Kapaa lands open indefinitely until application should be made to homestead the same, the reason then being given that the board was satisfied that many citizens residing in the vicinity desired to homestead these lands, but feared the hostility of the plantation authorities and came to the conclusion to refrain from applying rather than incur that hostility. Under these circumstances, the entire board felt that there was nothing to do but let a part at least of these lands lie there until that issue was eliminated, even if only by the process of wearing itself out.

Recently as above recited, Mr. Fairchild has renewed an application for 750 acres of these remaining lands thus held out for homesteading, leaving a balance of about equal area still open to homesteading. The first instinct, we believe, of all the members of the board was to turn down his application and insist that the land be homesteaded and to give Mr. Fairchild notice that we adhered to our policy in reference to the land applied for and that it would remain unleased indefinitely, feeling, as we did, that it was within Mr. Fairchild's power to reassure the people in the vicinity of his plantation so that the land would be taken up at once, the same being among the most desirable homestead lands in the Territory of Hawaii to-day. Our attention was arrested, however, by the offers of Mr. Fairchild to improve the land of Kapaa so as to promote the homesteading of these and adjacent lands and to aid homesteaders who have or hereafter shall homestead portions of Kapaa outside of the 750 acres of cane lands now applied for. It was there-upon decided by the Land Board that your committee should visit Kapaa and go over the whole situation. The result has been that we have come back satisfied that

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